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SUBJECT: FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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1. GOUGH OF FORD TRACTOR COMPANY CALLED NEA/ARN 22 JULY 1976 RE FORD EFFORT TO INVEST IN SYRIA. GOUGH SAID THAT FORD HAD TWO EXPERIMENTAL TRACTORS AT THE DOCKS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BUT THE SHIPPER HAD NOT RECEIVED AN IMPORT LICENSE NUMBER FROM SYRIA. GOUGH SAID THAT DR. IMADI SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE NECESSARY PAPERS FROM FORD TO GET THE IMPORT LICENSE. HE ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY INFORM IMADI OF THIS DELAY. GOUGH ALSO MENTIONED UNSPECIFIED, BUT RECENT, FORD CORRESPONDENCE WITH IMADI AND EL DEEK, AND ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY INQUIRE AS TO WHY SARG HAD NOT ANSWERED.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS FOLLOW-UP WORTHWHILE AS A TEST OF THE STATE OF SYRIAN INTEREST IN FORD INVESTMENT EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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